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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/73/13) in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51. During its consideration of the statement, the Advisory Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information and clarification, concluding with written responses received on 6 December 2018.

2. Under the terms of operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to: (a) continue to provide his good offices and pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar; (b) extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar and submit the report of the Special Envoy to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session; (c) provide all assistance necessary to enable the Special Envoy to effectively discharge her mandate and brief Member States every six months, or as requested; (d) identify ways in which the existing mandate holders can more effectively deliver and complement each other's work through enhanced coordination; and (e) call the continued attention of the Security Council to the situation in Myanmar with concrete recommendations for action towards resolving the humanitarian crisis. Furthermore, under the terms of operative paragraphs 19 of the draft resolution, the Assembly would request the Special Envoy to participate by way of interactive dialogue in its seventy-fourth session.

3. The required resources, in the amount of $1,232,300, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019, which have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices

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and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (see A/73/352/Add.1, paras. 243–258), would provide for:

(a) Salaries and common staff costs ($861,400) for the Special Envoy (Under-Secretary-General), who would continue to function on a when-actually-employed basis; one Head of Office (D-1); two Political Affairs Officers (1 P-5 and 1 P-4); and one Administrative Assistant (Local level);

(b) Operational costs of $370,900, comprising official travel ($174,900), facilities and infrastructure ($64,800), ground transportation ($24,000), communications and information technology ($18,000) and other supplies, services and equipment ($89,200).

Substantive support would be provided to the Special Envoy by the Department of Political Affairs in New York, and administrative support would be provided by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

4. **The Advisory Committee has considered the proposal of the Secretary-General for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Myanmar in the context of its report on thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General, estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/73/498/Add.1), as well as in its main report on special political missions (A/73/498), which have been submitted for consideration of the General Assembly.**

5. **Taking into account the observations and recommendations in its aforementioned reports, the Advisory Committee recommends that the Fifth Committee inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, resource requirements amounting to $1,232,300 net of staff assessment would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019 for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy on Myanmar.**